



# House Select Committee on Homeland Security Democrats

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## **House GOP Bill gets RED LIGHT**

The House GOP bill responding to the findings of the 9/11 Commission (H.R. 10) fails to implement 30 of the 41 unanimous recommendations of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission, says a “Stoplight” report card released today by House Democrats.

Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Democrat of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, released his assessment of the House Republican 9/11 bill as compared to the bipartisan Senate legislation that has been endorsed by the Commissioners and the 9/11 families.

Turner’s “Stoplight” report card revealed that:

- 16 recommendations of the Commission are not implemented by the House Republican bill at all;
- 14 recommendations are incompletely implemented; and only
- 11 recommendations are fully implemented.

**“The 9/11 Commission is very clear in what it expects of this Congress and this assessment shows that this GOP bill falls far short of the mark,”** said Turner. **“If we are serious about implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations, we ought to be working on the bipartisan bills under consideration in the Senate.”**

The Stoplight report card shows that the House GOP bill fails to:

- Provide additional assistance for security efforts in Afghanistan;
- Transfer radio spectrum so first responders can communicate during emergencies;
- Strengthen programs to protect unsecured nuclear materials in Russia and elsewhere around the globe;
- Fund adequately and mandate the use of explosive detection equipment for airline passengers; and
- Reform Congress by strengthening oversight over the Intelligence Community and making the Homeland Security Committee permanent.

The Stoplight Assessment is attached. It is available at [www.house.gov/hsc/democrats](http://www.house.gov/hsc/democrats).

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